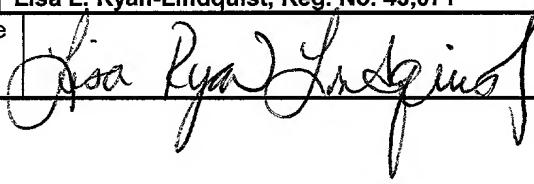


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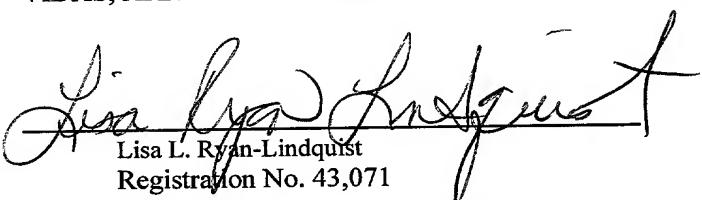
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Applicant authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge all required extension of time fees that have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,
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